

## ARBITRAL BOARD IS READY FOR WORK

It Will Attempt to Adjust Differences Between Railroads and Employees.

### HEARINGS TO BE GIVEN

Entire Controversy Is Caused by Demand for Increased Wages.

New York, March 9.—Three men will meet in this city to-morrow to arbitrate under the Erdman law the differences between fifty-four Eastern railroads and their 35,000 firemen. Public sessions will be held from day to day to hear the evidence presented by the parties to the dispute.

The board, which was named after prolonged negotiations between the conference committee of managers of the roads and a committee representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, consists of W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Albert Phillips, third vice-president of the firemen's organization; and William L. Chambers, of Washington, formerly chief justice of the International Court at Samoa and a member of the Spanish treaty claims commission. Mr. Chambers was named by government officials, designated in the Erdman act as the third or neutral member of the board, after the representatives of the firemen and the roads had failed to agree upon a man.

The decision of the board must be rendered by April 2, and from it there can be no appeal. The dispute has been in progress more than a year, and at one time last month, through the failure of the two parties to agree upon a method of arbitration, threatened to result in a strike of the firemen of the Eastern roads serving a territory populated by 50,000,000 people. The firemen had voted almost unanimously in favor of a strike if their demand for arbitration by a board of three members under the Erdman act was not granted, while the roads held out for arbitration by a board of six or seven members, such as had a few months before adjusted a similar dispute between the roads and their engineers.

At the last moment the committee of railroad managers gave in under protest, and on February 13 reference of the differences to an arbitration board under the Erdman law was agreed upon.

The problem to be solved by the board is essentially one of wages. The firemen ask for increases based upon the size of the locomotives fired, which would give them a wage of from \$2.40 to \$4 a day of ten hours or less. On the heavier engines two firemen are demanded. The railroads, while conceding that the firemen ought to have more pay, declare their demands excessive, and estimate that the increased cost to the lines would aggregate \$9,600,000 a year, or 35 per cent of the firemen's present wages.

It is expected that the roads will seek to demonstrate to the arbitral board that something must give way if railroad employees are allowed to maintain an upward pressure on wages while the Interstate Commerce Commission keeps freight and passenger rates down, and that if the board grants the firemen an increase in wages, it should recommend to the commission proportionate advances in rates. The firemen, according to President Carter, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, will bend their efforts to the task of proving their demands for increases are justified in themselves, regardless of what rates the roads are permitted to charge the public.

### CONDITION IS SERIOUS.

Mrs. Wine Prostrated Over Daughter's Tragic Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Harrisonburg, Va., March 9.—Mrs. B. Frank Wine is prostrated with grief at her home near Broadway, as the result of the tragic death of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Wine Clark, who was shot to death by her husband, R. B. Clark, in Baltimore, late Tuesday afternoon. A physician is constantly at the side of Mrs. Wine, and her family are greatly alarmed over her condition.

The victim of the shooting was buried at Broadway this afternoon.

## Odds and Ends From the Wire

### VANDAL'S AX ON SHAFTS.

Discovery of Gettysburg Tool Remains to Convict Despoiler.

Gettysburg, Pa., March 9.—Investigation into the mystery surrounding the identity of the Gettysburg battlefield vandal revealed the fact that the damage to the nine large memorials was done with the butt-end of a single-bit ax, instead of a sledgehammer, as first supposed. Careful measurements were taken at a number of the monuments, and in a number of instances it was found that everything pointed to the destructive blow having been delivered by a large ax.

To add plausibility to this theory was the discovery, also upon measurement, that the damage could not have been done with a short-handled hammer while the perpetrator stood on the ground, but that some longer weapon must have been used. Once the instrument is found, the discovery of the guilty party may be easy.

### RUSH FOR THE CHARITY HATS.

Merchants Give Salvation Army Collectors Wrong Styles in Boxes.

Altoona, Pa., March 9.—For a little while yesterday business was exceedingly brisk at the Salvation Army's store. Everybody seemed to take kindly to the "bargains in hats." The rush was so great that it excited suspicion, and an investigation was made. It was discovered that army collectors in making their rounds had been given a box of the latest spring styles in headgear by a prominent merchant. Instead of some that had gone out of date, as he intended.

The sale was stopped and the 1913 models were returned; but when the substitutes were placed in the market they did not seem to sell.

### INDIAN CHIEF GETS OLD GUN.

Surrendered to Government Years Ago.

Washington, March 9.—Chief Hollow Horn Bear, an Ogalala Sioux, a powerful, bronzed giant six feet three inches, who gave up his gun twenty years ago, when the government ordered all guns taken from the Indians in the Bad Lands, had it returned to him in the office of Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Abbott. Hollow Horn Bear recognized his weapon by a rawhide wrapping on the barrel.

### ACCUSE HER OF BLACKMAIL.

Prominent Young Woman Faces Letters That Demanded Money.

Williamsport, Pa., March 9.—Waiting a hearing, Miss Re Emma Swartz, a church worker of Hughesville, gave bail for appearance at the June term of court on a charge of writing anonymous letters to residents of the little town.

For more than a year people have been receiving letters demanding money and making threats. Members of the Swartz family have also received them. Detectives have been at work on the case for some time, and information have been made by the State constables against two other members of the Swartz family.

## TWO FATALLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Machine Turns Over in Air Several Times When Tire Bursts.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Huntsville, Ala., March 9.—Two persons were fatally injured and two others seriously so, in an unusual automobile accident, which occurred near here to-day. The dying are Allen Hutchens, son of the postmaster of this place, and his companion, Benjamin Cooley. Owen Graham, a local automobile dealer, who was driving the machine, and his son, Lyle, were seriously injured. All were removed to the local hospital.

The auto party was speeding down a country road, a few miles out of town, when a rear tire burst, slewing the machine around in the road. As Graham felt the car skid, he applied the brake suddenly, causing the car to rise a few feet in the air and then turn completely over several times. The occupants of the rear seat were thrown against a telephone pole, while the others struck on stones by the side of the road.

### BLEASER PAIDONS DRIVER.

Frees His Negro Chauffeur From \$3.75 Speeding Fine.

Columbia, S. C., March 9.—Harrison Neely, negro chauffeur for Governor Cole L. Blease, was convicted of exceeding the speed limit for automobiles in the Municipal Police Court and directed to pay a fine of \$3.75. Governor Blease heard of the case two hours later, and issued an unconditional pardon to the negro, thereby exempting him from the fine. The Governor issued pardons or paroles this week to sixteen other men, most of whom had been convicted of felonies. Two were serving lifeterms in the penitentiary.

### WHISKEY SOON KILLS CHILD.

Little One Finds Half a Pint, and Drinks It All.

Wilmington, Del., March 9.—Elizabeth Kelley, six-year-old daughter of John Kelley, of Mt. Cuba, died from the effects of drinking half a pint of whiskey. The child found the liquor in a bottle lying on a bureau and swallowed all of it at one time. When her mother found her she was unconscious, and the empty bottle beside her told the cause of the child's illness. Dr. John Hall, summoned from Hockessin, worked over the child for several hours, and finally revived her, but later she collapsed and expired. Coroner Spring is making an investigation of the case.

### COURT RULE HITS DIVORCEES.

Remarriage Within Year Not Legal in Illinois.

Chicago, March 9.—A decision which may affect the status of a large number of remarried divorcees in Illinois was made to-day by Judge Marcus Kavanaugh. He ruled that divorced persons could not legally marry again in Illinois within a year, whether the divorce was obtained in Illinois or another State. Judge Kavanaugh is chairman of the Illinois Marriage and Divorce Commission.

The decision was in the case of a woman divorced in Michigan, January 26, 1912, and married again in Illinois the next month. The complainant, Victor Braunfelder, declared that after the ceremony he found that his wife, Grace, had just been divorced in Michigan from Glenn Duray. On the presentation of these facts Judge Kavanaugh annulled the Illinois marriage.

### WARLESS COLONEL PENSIONED.

Born After Struggle Began, but Son of Veteran.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 9.—Although the only fighting he has ever done was in political campaigns, "Colonel" John Rosenberger, of Kittanning Township, near here, was granted a pension of \$12 a month by the government. The "Colonel" was born in 1862, and is only forty inches tall. The pension was granted him on the ground that he is the son of a deceased veteran, and is unable to earn a living by manual labor.

## BOTH PREPARING FOR HARD FIGHT

"Wets" and "Drys" in Danville Will Have Real Test on April 15.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Danville, Va., March 9.—Although it has not yet been officially announced it is learned on good authority that the local option election will be called for April 15. The petitions circulated by the "dry" faction were presented to Judge Postross, of the Corporation Court, last week, and the task of running over the signatures and discovering whether they were signed by qualified voters was terminated on Saturday night.

There were more than three hundred names contained in the several petitions, more than the amount necessary to call an election. Several of the signatures, however, were found to be those of persons unqualified, and were stricken off.

The calling of the election for April 15 leaves a little over two weeks for the local saloonkeepers to sell out their stock and close up, for their licenses are due to be renewed on the first of May.

Now that the date is known, both factions will settle down to an earnest endeavor to win a majority. Both "drys" and "wets" have been working quietly and systematically since the petitions were circulated, and will make every effort to poll the most votes in an election which promises to be an unusually warm one.

The only cases remaining on the Corporation Court docket are the most important of the entire number. They include William S. Paylor, for embezzlement; Alderman C. C. Sneed, for the same offense; William C. Cooper, for murder; and John R. Hutson, an ex-policeman, charged with robbery, and Len Turner, for the same offense. The Hutson case has already been tried, and resulted in a hung jury.

The Hutson case is set for to-morrow, Cooper for Tuesday—his second trial—Paylor for Thursday and the remaining two in succession.

Malcolm Kerr Harris, a prominent member of the Danville bar, son of W. T. Harris, has been retained to defend Paylor. A motion made for a continuance on Saturday was overruled by the court. It is generally understood that Paylor will plead guilty.

Escaping for a moment the vigilance of a hospital orderly, M. T. Dove, in a fit of mental aberration, put on the orderly's white hat, wrapped a blanket around his shoulders, and in this attire, made his escape from the institution on Friday, and walked down towards the courthouse at 11 o'clock at night. A couple of policemen, standing from the courthouse just as he arrived heard loud singing, and saw a ghostly figure making for Craghead Street. He was promptly nabbed and returned. Although the temperature was below freezing point, he appears to have suffered but little by his nocturnal constitutional.

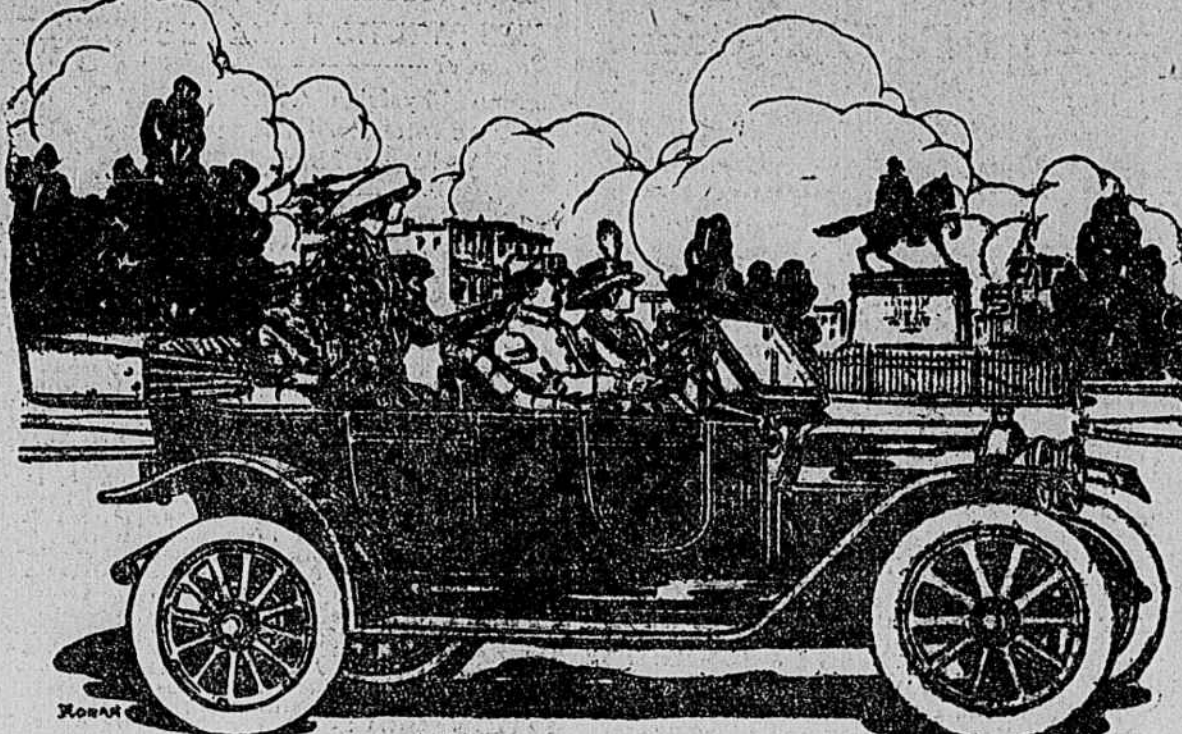
### OFFICERS ARREST MAN WHO THREATENS THEM

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Salisbury, N. C., March 9.—Sheriff J. H. McKinzie and Deputy James Krider were called to Rimerstown, Rowan County, to-day, where they arrested J. R. Stoddard on the charge of shooting John Cauble, of that place. Both men are said to have engaged in a drunken brawl. Stoddard shot Cauble in both thighs, and also stabbed him in an arm. Physicians who dressed the wounds, say Cauble will recover. Stoddard threatened the lives of the officers, but they brought him to Salisbury jail, in default of \$500 bond.

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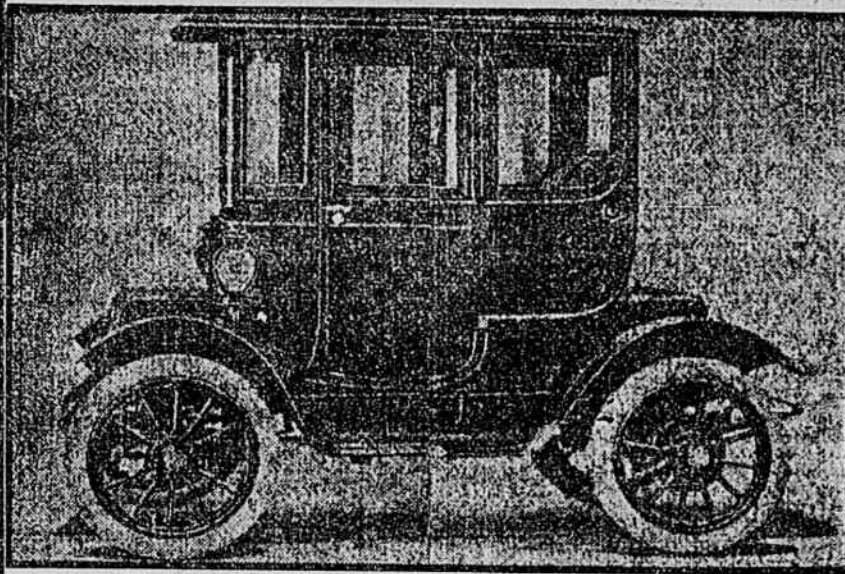


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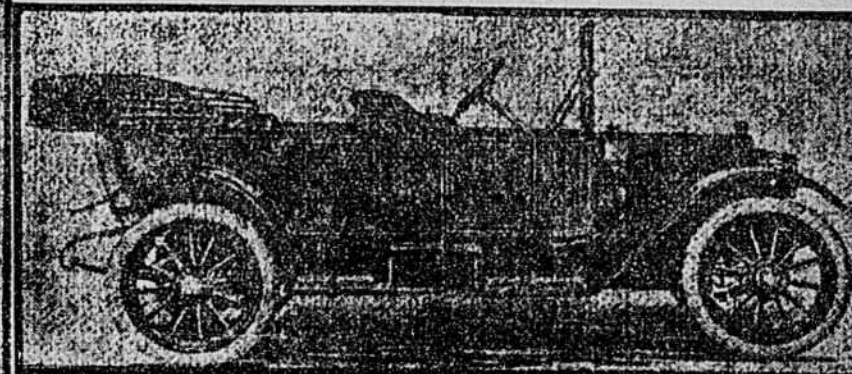
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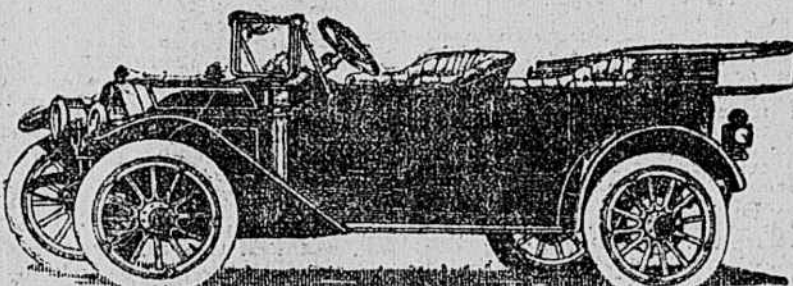


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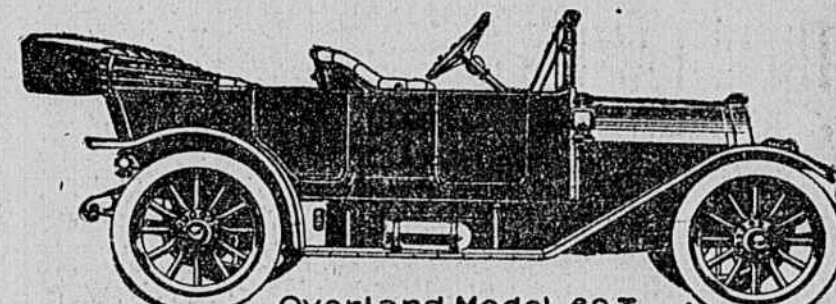
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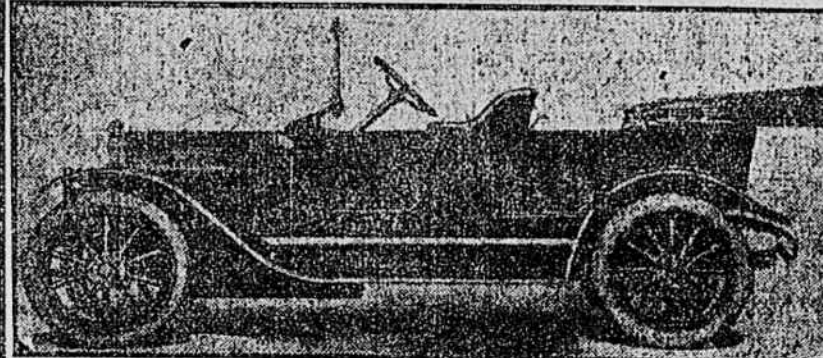
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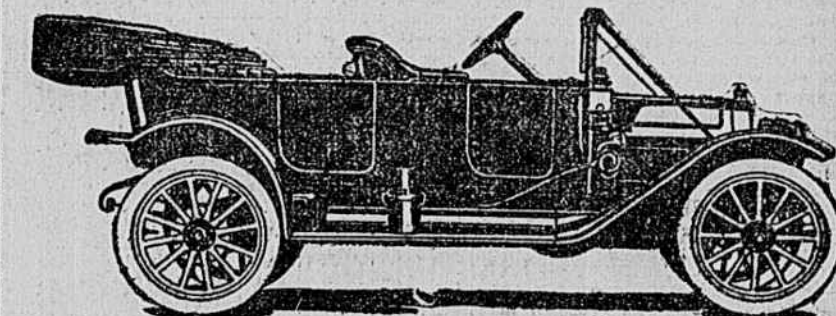
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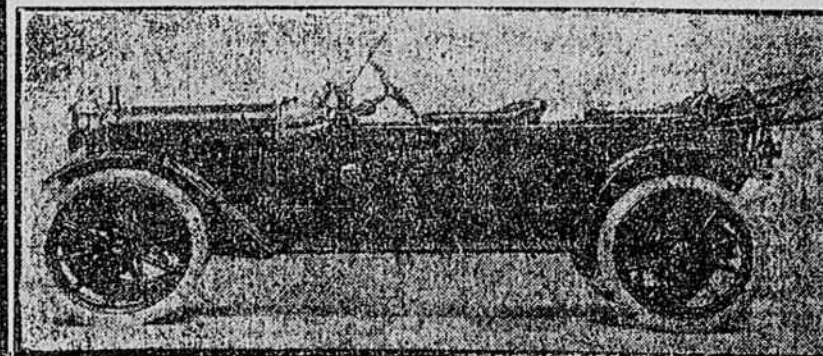
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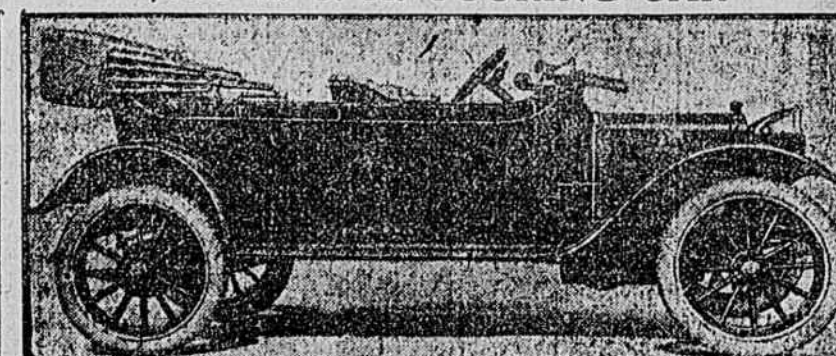
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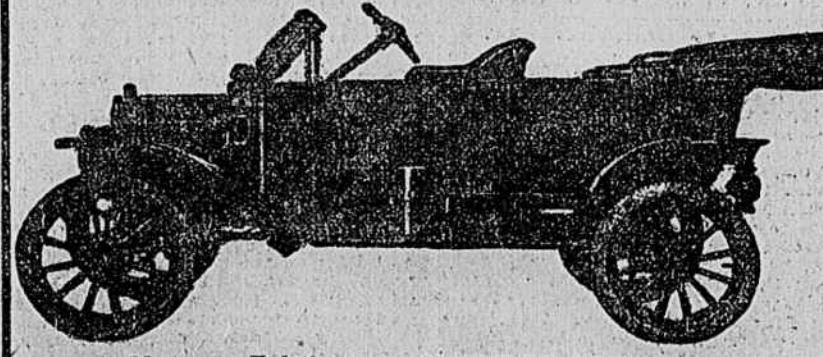
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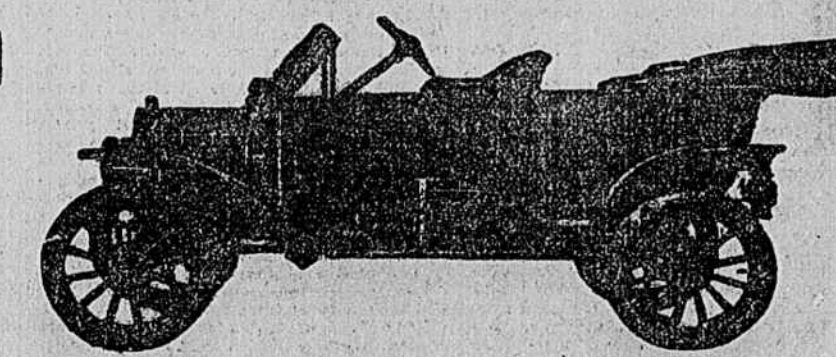


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